

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality + Tradition + Community

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
 8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
 Saturday at 5:00pm
 Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
 Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am
 First Monday of the Month at 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration
 Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)
 Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

September 28, 2008 • Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, October 3 • 8:45am-7:30pm

Monday Night Mass
October 6 • 7:00pm

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Pastor's Column

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Birthday Musings

As I celebrate my 60th birthday today, please allow me a chance to muse a bit!

The worst "decade turnover" for me was 30! I went into a depression that lasted for weeks. I thought I was so old. Can you believe?

I grew up in the era of the slogan, "Don't trust anybody over 30!" All of sudden, I was 30 and I realized that I did want to be trusted. A shift in "worldview" was taking place in me.

Then one day I just snapped out of it and remembered how young I really was and how much more life still, hopefully, awaited me.

Since then, each "decade turnover" has been a remarkable gift... 40 was great...50 even better!

Today I turn 60, another set of thirty years. Each decade of life has been an adventure and a joy. Every year has had its challenges, but, bottom line, because of my faith in God, in and through Jesus Christ, I am thoroughly enjoying and celebrating the gift of life.

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**Our Mission is to:
worship God,**

Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am; first Monday of the month at 7:00pm;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm
(or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday from 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Choirs and Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized: Contact Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony: Contact Parish Office a minimum of 9 months in advance
For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak at 758-4100 x100

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith: First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children: Two times a month,
September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30 and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study: Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry: Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants): Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA: One to two year process with children and
parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA: One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion: In home process begins after first reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation; begins in
high school

For further information, call Kathleen Bell at 758-4100 x110

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve the parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

For further information, call Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120

STM Scrip News

Scrip is sold on the Plaza after weekend Masses and in the Parish
Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-10:00am.

*For information, call Henny Jocelyn at 726-1177
or visit <http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm>*

I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My...

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) _____

Ralph's Card #(13 digits) _____

Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

*Please place completed form in the collection basket or return
it to the SCRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish
Office during the week. Thank you!*

Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website for complete calendar
information for the current month: www.stmoside.org, then
select "Schedules and Calendars"

The Week Ahead

- Sept 27-28 Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive
- Sept 28 Fr. Mike's Birthday (*the big 60!*)
- Sept 28 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Sept 28 High School RE.A.CH Classes
- Oct 4 Hospitality Workshop
- Oct 5 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Oct 5 RE.A.CH Classes

The Month Ahead

- Oct 12 Liturgy of the Word for Children at
10:30am Mass
- Oct 12 High School RE.A.CH
- Oct 12 New Member Luncheon Reception
- Oct 14 Spirited Seniors present *Finding Balance in the
Art of Care Giving*
- Oct 18 Life Walk 2008 at Kit Carson Park in Escondido
- Oct 18-19 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Oct 19 RE.A.CH Classes

The Year Ahead

- Nov 8-27 Christian Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Nov 23 Music Ministry presents "With Thankful Hearts"
- Nov 9 Towers of Faith Dinner
- May 1 STM Tenth Annual Golf Classic

*Questions? Contact Henny at 758-4100 x100
or hennyj@stmoside.org.*

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I am thrilled with the ride! I am grateful for what has been and I
look forward to what will be.

It is such a gift to be able to view the world through 30-year-old
eyes, and then look at the same world through 60-year-old eyes,
and see things so differently. The life experience that we
accumulate over the years brings such a richness in how we see
and understand the world around us and the people in it.

We live a Mystery that is totally incomprehensible. We find
ourselves on this speck of dust called Earth within a Universe that
is beyond our measuring and our understanding.

Yet we proclaim a belief in a "Source of All Being" that knows
and loves each one of us and has counted every hair on our head.

The challenge, in the midst of our everyday trials and tribulations,
is to recognize the Mystery, embrace it, and celebrate it on a daily
basis. Our faith gives us the words and the rituals to celebrate this
Mystery, and to keep Mystery as the center of our lives as we
make our way Home.

I share with you the words of a poster that I once saw. These
words capture what I feel today:

*"I cry at least once a day, not because I am sad, but
because the world is so beautiful!"*

Fr. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, September 28 (136)

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms 25:4-9

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Monday, September 29 (647)

Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, archangels

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or

Revelation 12:7-12b

Psalms 138:1-5

John 1:47-51

Tuesday, September 30 (456)

Jerome, priest &

doctor of the Church

Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23

Psalms 88:2-8

Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 1 (457)

Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

Job 9:1-12,14-16

Psalms 88:10b-15

Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 2 (458)

The Guardian Angels

Job 19:21-27

Psalms 27:7-9c,13-14

Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 3 (459)

Job 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5

Psalms 139:1-3,7-10,13-14b

Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 4 (460)

Francis of Assisi, religious

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17

Psalms 119:66,71,75,91,125,130

Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 5 (139)

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:9-12,16,19-20

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27, 5:00pm
Lew Crowell ☩

Sunday, September 28, 8:30am
J. C. Gonzalez ☩

Sunday, September 28, 10:30am
Herminia Ramirez ☩

Tuesday, September 30, 8:15am
Judith Nichols ☩

Wednesday, October 1, 8:15am
Rosemary Meinders ☩

Thursday, October 2, 8:15am
Betty Dorsa

Friday, October 3, 8:15am
Roger Lape ☩

Saturday, October 4, 5:00pm
Dick Egan ☩

Sunday, October 5, 8:30am
Tom Clarke ☩

Sunday, October 5, 10:30am
Jeff Beal ☩

Prayer List

Call 758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

The Ahmann Family
Michael Ainis
Mary Alexander
Nick Angelucci, Sr.
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
Carl Bechtold
Cindra Bell
Nancy Bermudez
Janet Brown
The Burke & Dorman Families
James Coleman
Barbara Colton
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Bill Davis
Linda Dossman
Boo Falconer
The Fiore Family
Larry Fisk
Rick Gonzalez
The Greeley Family
Genevieve Green
Claudette Gunderson
Jack Haelffelin
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Greg Hayes
Bud Hazlett
Cynthia Horner
Bernie & Ginny Jaeger
Sue Johnston
Joan Jones
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinny
George Kleekamp
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Eric Larson
Brandon LeBlanc
Loree Luther
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Patrick McCarthy
Bob McWilliams
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Jim Montoya
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Michael Pagliaro
Mary Anne Palmer
Joan Picco
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post

Deana Reynolds
John & Francisca Rodriguez
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
The Rumpf Family
The Russo Family
Julie Shea
Ed Sox
William Sparrow
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Harriet Stein
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
Robert Vasquez
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Matt & Adina Williams

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Christian Caplinger, US Army
Lt. Mark Correa, US Navy
Pfc. Nicholas B. Dawson, US Army
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Stephen Gerke, 101st Airborne
Col. Kathleen Henderson
Med. Staff Sgt. Jana Alexander Madrid, USAF
Ronald Meyers, US Navy Search & Rescue
Spec. Jared Ratzlaff, US Army
SPC Robert Sullivan, US Army
Maj. Scott Wadle
Capt. Richard H. Witt III, USMC
Capt. Thomas Zeeff, USAF

All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love and compassionate healing.

Deadline to Register to Vote in This November's Election is October 20—Visit the Parish Office Today!

Pope Benedict XVI, in his *Address to the U.S. Bishops* in April of 2008, reminded them and all Catholics that participation in public life is part and parcel of being a Catholic. He stated, "Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel." Support life and liberty! Register and then vote in the upcoming November election. The voter registration deadline for the November election is Monday, October 20, 2008. If you are not registered, please do so today at the Parish Office. Let your voice be heard! For more information, visit the California Secretary of State web site: www.sos.ca.gov, or contact the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry at 858-490-8324.

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

For information, call Bob Taylor at 630-4589.

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program



Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

You get the tax deduction!

Call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm • Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays and one other day of each month. Next date: Friday, October 3.

For more information, contact John O'Donnell at 598-6003.



We're All Missionaries

Do you know the date of your Baptism? Well, on that day, you became a missionary, called by our Lord to share your faith with those around you—and to be part of the Church's mission to the world.

Jesus Himself directed His followers to go into the whole world and proclaim His Gospel—the “Good News” of His love for us—to all peoples (see Mark 16:15). That mission is now directed to each one of us.

On World Mission Sunday, we have the opportunity to be part of the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands through our prayers and support offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Next weekend, World Mission Sunday envelopes will be attached to the bulletin. You may return the envelopes any time during October. Thank you!

Life Perspectives—Reaching ONE Heart, ONE Mind, ONE Person at a Time

October 18, 10:30am, Kit Carson Park, Escondido

Join us at Life Walk 2008 for a 2-mile walk, prizes, picnic lunch—families gather together to make a difference for life! Register on the Plaza after Masses or contact 619-516-1236 or www.LPLifeWalk.com.



Have a Spare Half Hour from 9:00-9:30am One Saturday Morning Every Other Month?

We could use a few more chair set up ministers—please consider joining one of our four chair set up teams, who make sure we have a place to sit for weekend Masses.

The chairs we sit in are taken down twice a month to make room for classrooms for the religious education program and for other special events.

With our streamlined system, it only takes 1/2 hour for 4-6 people to put the chairs back in place.

To volunteer or for more information, contact:

Lorraine Doering at 758-4100 x102 or lorrained@stmoside.org.

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Jerry & Kim Chavez & family
Francisco Lomeli & family

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Jean Crowell
Jack & Marge Gillen

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers this weekend in our liturgical environment.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Olive Burke, who died on September 21. Olive is the mother of Carol (and Jim) Dorman and the grandmother of Katie Dorman. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Thomas More on September 26. Please keep the family in your prayers.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A Warm Meal Goes a Long Way!

Many thanks to all who have stepped up to provide dinners for North County Solutions for Change homeless shelter! This ministry answers the call by Jesus to feed the hungry in our time and neighborhood. The NCSC women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). The remaining dates for 2008 are listed below. Any help you can provide would be welcome!



November 23 and December 28.

This is an excellent opportunity to serve your community by providing a meal for those in need. To provide food, delivery or monetary donations, please contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at 945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.

Visit the Parish Website

www.stmoside.org

Click on *Our New Church* for updates on our build-out progress.

Click on *Ministries/Pastoral Staff* for information on a particular ministry, including liturgy and music, faith formation, youth groups, stewardship, and social justice.

Publicize Your Parish Event!

Would you like to publicize a Parish event to the general public? Submit a Press Release Form at least three weeks in advance of your event to have it advertised in local news publications. Press Release Forms are available:

- on the Parish website (www.stmoside.org, *Contact Us*),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 727-2668 or annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.



Knights of Columbus

Entertainment Books—The Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books this year. What a great way to save dollars on dinners, hotels, groceries, theatre, airlines, travel, and many other items! The books are great gifts and will be available after Masses beginning in October. Please call Jim Bailey at 754-1635 to reserve your book.



Tootsie Roll Drive—The ARC of San Diego (ARC-SD) is an organization devoted entirely to caring for the developmentally disabled. The North County Training Center (NCTC), the Vista branch of the ARC-SD, is located at the intersection of Ridge road and Melrose Drive. Laura Orcutt, her assistant Wanda Costello, and their staff are doing a wonderful job providing a variety of activities and opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Our Parish Council of the Knights of Columbus has supported the ARC-SD in prior years, and will continue our support this year with a Tootsie Roll Drive in the latter part of October. Watch for more details. Thank you.



—John O'Donnell, Grand Knight

Women's Guild

Board Meeting—There will be a meeting at Germaine Wilmott's home on Monday, October 6, at 12:30pm, to discuss plans for the October 13 meeting and other events. Please try to attend. RSVP to Germaine at 758-9949.

Luncheon Meeting—Monday, October 13, 11:00am, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Lunch will be served; the cost is \$7 per person. RSVP to Mary Vernaci at 599-4386 or Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949.

Bake Sale—The ladies of St. Thomas More Women's Guild will be calling on Parishioners with last names beginning with the letters I-Z, requesting donations of baked goods for the upcoming bake sale the weekend of October 18-19 after all Masses. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please plan items that do NOT need refrigeration. For more information, contact Nancy Wozniak at 729-0782 or Pat Wong at 806-1310.



Can You Help with Mass Preparation?

Do you have two hours per week two months out of the year? Duties include checking the altar servers' and priests' albs (robes) and altar cloths to make sure they are clean for the weekend Masses and cleaning and polishing of liturgical vessels. Volunteers will be trained.

For more information, call Kathy Wilson at 758-2538.

Can't Get to Mass?

Our Parish has ministers who can bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass—the homebound, those in the hospital, those in convalescent homes.

Please call the Parish Office at 758-4100 for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00-8:30PM

GOD IS BIGGER

AT GODSPACE

CALL GALE AT 726-7236
FOR MORE INFORMATION

GO TO WWW.STMOSIDE.ORG
CLICK ON MINISTRIES/PASTORAL STAFF
CLICK ON HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next Meeting—Monday, September 29

Monday Night Mass at 7:00pm

Call Ron or Louise at 758-4100 x153 for more information.

Visit www.stmoside.org/ym.

New Member Reception

Sunday, October 12 • 12:00pm

We are hosting a new member welcome reception for those who have joined our parish family since January 2008. Invitations have been mailed to you, and we look forward to meeting you at this special luncheon!

If you are an existing member and were unable to attend our last reception, you are welcome to join us for this one.

Please call our parish office to RSVP by October 6 with a "yes" or "no" at 758-4100 x154.

*For more details, please contact:
Louise Briseno at 726-4496 or
parishoffice@stmoside.org.*

When a Loved One Dies

Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.

Call anytime, night or day!

Our Parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

If you have any questions, call Sr. Maureen at 758-4100 x131.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
douglasl@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x140



SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 4
12:00 NOON
ON THE PLAZA

Join us NEXT Saturday, October 4, at noon for St. Thomas More's annual Blessing of Animals hosted by Herman, with Fr. Mike assisting.

We celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by gathering with our beloved pets on the Plaza of our Parish Center for this traditional rite.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends to the Plaza early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control, as we expect the gathering to be a bit boisterous.

See you there!



Music Ministry Next Week

OCTOBER 4/5

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Adult Choir

10:30am Mass

Children's Choir

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30-11:00AM AT STM

WHY CATHOLICS CAN'T SING

The Culture of
Catholicism
and the
Triumph
of Bad Taste

Thomas Day

Study Question for Chapter 3

Fr. Mike's Bookies returns on November 5, when Douglas Lynn will be leading a discussion of *Why Catholics Can't Sing: The Culture of Catholicism and the Triumph of Bad Taste*.

How is your reading going? If you have any advance thoughts for our upcoming discussion, contact Douglas (see top of page), and he will try to incorporate them into our discussion. Here's a question about Chapter 3 to think about as you read.

The author proposes that Irish-American culture has had a powerful impact on all aspects of American Catholic worship, including its music, especially in the phenomenon of the "sweet song." What are his concerns about the appropriateness of this specific style of song within the liturgy?

Making a Joyful Noise!

REHEARSALS

Monday Night Mass Team

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm Upper Level

Children's Choir

Thursdays 6:00-6:50pm Upper Level

Adult Choir

Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm Upper Level

Handbell Choir

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm Stage

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

First Friday of October

8:45am - 7:30pm, Families: 6:30 - 7:30pm

INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That we may always recognize God as a God of compassion and mercy.

Faith Formation*Teach and Live the Gospel*Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x110

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday
October 11, 2008
8:00-10:30 am

Dotti Hulburt

Dorothy (Dotti) Hulburt has been at St. Thérèse Parish since 1992. She serves as Director of Catechetical Ministries, working in adult and family ministries and Liturgy. She brings a wealth of experience to her role, having worked for 30 years in pastoral, catechetical and liturgical ministries. In addition, she is a retreat master, spiritual mentor and a popular presenter at parish, diocesan and national levels.

She loves working with adults and being a part of their journey of faith, seeing the myriad ways that God works in each person's life. Dotti brings to her ministry the gift and ability to share her love of the Lord in very human terms, especially through scripture, story, and our catholic spiritual traditions.

- * A wonderful opportunity for spiritual refreshment for women
- * Welcome: women of St. Thomas More, high school age young women, and friends
- * Breakfast graciously provided and served by the Knights of Columbus
- * Explore a new "way" to be Church

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	540 jars !



Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith *Upcoming Events*

Basic Catechist Formation Course

A LOCAL opportunity for all involved in a teaching ministry:

- 7 Saturdays, beginning October 11, 9:00-3:30
- At Mission San Luis Rey
- Contact Bill Bischoff, 757-3250 x341 for more information or to sign up

Re-Discovering Catholicism~

- 12 sessions, beginning December 2
- An opportunity aimed to satisfy Catholics' hunger to learn why they believe what they do
- Growing in faith isn't just kids' stuff!
- Deacon Tom and Patt Goeltz, facilitators

Today is a RE.A.CH day

Religious Education for Adolescents & Children

at the Home Church

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Lip Service or Action?

Jesus said to the religious leaders in his audience that even sinners would get to the kingdom of heaven before they would. How can this be possible? Most likely it is because Jesus saw through them and their transparent ways.

God is never fooled by our outward behavior, our willingness to be publicly agreeable when we really have no intention of following through with our word and/or promises.

Are there times when we pay "lip service" to the Gospel, so as not to disappoint someone (or be embarrassed?) but have no intention of opening our hearts to it? When we know we should take seriously the teachings of the Church, do we refuse because our minds are made up and our lives are too *comfortable* now?

Bottom line: One cannot hide from the eyes of God.

It has been made very clear to us that the lukewarm Christian is not welcome in the kingdom. The thought of being vomited out of the mouth of Jesus pretty much hits home with me. Crawling out of my 'comfort zone' seems like a much better option in life.

On my way home from work tonight, I witnessed a horrible accident and the aftermath. It was pretty obvious that there was at least one fatality, if not more. The train accident this past week served as another reminder of just how fragile our human bodies are. Hurricanes and natural disasters are all too commonplace. We don't know when we will be called home by God.

While we can, it is good to remember we are stewards of God's gifts. We have only this time and place to make a difference and give back what we have been given. The time to begin is now.

Here are some tips on becoming a partner in God's work:

- † Many express concern about the hungry in the world, while millions are starving. **Feed one.**
- † Grieving goes on for all the unborn children murdered every day, and those that are born into abusive home situations. **Save one.**
- † In our own country, the number of homeless poor wandering the streets grows. **Shelter one.**
- † You feel compassion for those suffering pain, sorrow, despair and lack of hope. **Comfort one.**
- † There are still more, closer than we know, who are lonely, abused and imprisoned. **Love one.**

The world is still filled with needs, just as it was over 2,000 years ago. Jesus set the example for us to follow. STM offers a wide variety of options from which to choose to follow Jesus.

Our ministry opportunities are extensive and active participation is a welcome sight in our faith community. To those of you already on board "walking the walk" ~ thank you! To those of you who would like to begin the walk in our time and place, please contact me at the number listed on top of this page!

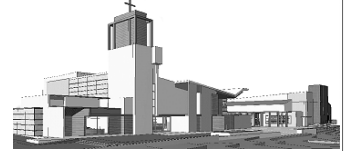
~ God's peace!

Hope began with only one!

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support and Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a grass-roots movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and overt generosity of several of our parishioners.



These individuals (several anonymous) have included the St. Thomas More in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish.

Towers of Faith is our future support. Future support refers to gifts which are the result of a parishioner's various means of estate planning vehicles such as:

Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust,
Life Insurance, Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. The return envelope included with the brochure (available at the information table on the Plaza) has a check box to mark if you have already included STM in your estate planning. This way we know who you are. We would like to acknowledge your generosity!

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 758-4100, x120, or chriss@stmoside.org.

Do two people in your family know the location of your will and/or living trust?

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Thank you to all those who have come forward!

Collection for Week of: September 20/21, 2008

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News from the Larger Church

Public Forum on Proposition 8 and Same-Sex Marriage in Chula Vista—The Ecumenical Council of San Diego County is sponsoring a forum on Proposition 8, an initiative on the November 4, 2008 ballot to preserve traditional marriage. Proposition 8 is a response to the California Supreme Court decision to legalize same-sex marriage.

The purpose of the forum is to provide information and views on this issue to help members of churches to be better prepared to vote in November. The Ecumenical Council of San Diego County endeavors to give a balanced presentation on the issues. The next forum will be held on: Sunday, September 28, 4:00-5:30pm, at First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego.

Welcome: Rev. Dr. Richard Freeman, President of the Ecumenical Council; Moderator: Rt. Rev. James Mathes, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego; Panelists: Dr. Terry McGoldrick, Moral Theologian at University of San Diego; Rev. Dr. Scott Landis, Mission Hills Congregational Church (UCC); Rev. Gloria Espeseth, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, San Diego; Mr. Stanwood Johnson, Attorney at Law, San Diego.

For more information, contact 619-422-9263 or www.ecsd.org.

Rosary Novena for the Protection of Life and Marriage—Please pray the Rosary every day through October 31 for the Protection of Life and Marriage in the November election.

Feast Day Mass of St. Pio at Immaculata in San Diego—Auxiliary Bishop Cordileone will preside at the Mass on Sunday, September 28, at 5:30pm. Activities begin at 2:45pm with a documentary film on the life of St. Pio, followed by a Holy Hour (Rosary and Benediction) led by Fr. Solcia at 4:00pm, then an inspirational talk by Fr. Larion at 5:00pm. For more information, contact 619-697-5958 or www.saintpio.org.

I Protect Marriage Rally: The Fine Line for Young Adults in San Diego—Wednesday, October 1, 7:00-8:30pm at St. Brigid Parish, 4735 Cass St., San Diego. Join others from around the Diocese for a simulcast live via satellite from the Rock Church to discuss Proposition 8. The simulcast will also include music by the Katinas and Stellar Kart, a panel discussion and special guests. Fr. Anthony Saroki will be the MC. For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at carrie@stbrigid-sandiego.org or 858-483-3416.

St. Francis Feast Day at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—In conjunction with the feast day of St. Francis, the newly remodeled Mission San Luis Rey Gift Shop at 4050 Mission Avenue in Oceanside is offering a 20 percent off sale on Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5. Bring your animals to be blessed at the Parish next door on the October 4, then go shopping! Pick up your St. Francis pet medal, free with purchase, while they last. Any questions? Call Cornelia at the Gift Shop: 757-3651 x117.

Autumn Mondays at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside—October 6, 13, 20, and 27, 9:30am or 7:00pm. Join us in prayer and discussion as we probe St. Francis' words and apply them to our present-day lives. Come to one, two, or all the sessions. For more information, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Diocesan Institute Classes in North County—Three courses will be starting in October: S370 Pauline Writings, taught by

Christopher O'Donnell, JD, on Tuesdays, October 7-November 11, 6:30-9:00pm at St. Mark in San Marcos; S820 Prayer in the Catholic Tradition, taught by Peter Bennett, M.A., Monday, October 13-November 24, 6:30-9:00pm at St. Mark in San Marcos; and C110 Catechism of the Catholic Church, taught by Domenico Camplisson, M.T.S., Tuesday, October 14-November 11, 6:00-9:00pm, at San Rafael in Rancho Bernardo. For more information, contact danderson@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8212.

Fall 2008 Series of Theology on Tap for Young Adults in San Diego—Come join other single and married Catholic young adults (18-39 years) for food, fellowship, and dynamic speakers on Tuesdays, October 7-28, 7:00-8:30pm at the Bali Ha'I, 2230 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact 858-490-8260 or www.yamsd.org.

All Girls Catholic High School Open House in San Diego—The Academy of Our Lady of Peace invites current eighth grade girls and their parents to an Open House on Saturday, October 11, 9:00-11:30am, at 4860 Oregon Street, San Diego. The Placement Test will be given on January 24, 2009. For more information, call 619-725-9118.

Divine Mercy Movement Mass in El Cajon—Saturday, October 11, 10:00am, at Our Lady of Grace, 2788 Javajo Rd., El Cajon. Video presentation, refreshments and bookstore follow in Moloney Center. For more information, call Joe at 619-276-6637.

San Diego Catholic Worker Annual Dinner and Silent Auction in San Diego—Saturday, October 11, 6:00-10:00pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall, 1945 Illion St., San Diego. The San Diego Catholic Worker will celebrate 28 years of service to people in need. Donations \$17 (\$20 at the door). For tickets or more information, please call Tina Di Stefano at 858-552-0817.

St. Mary's Church Annual Fiesta in Escondido—*Hear the Call, Build the Hall*, October 11-12. Includes Open Air Mass celebrated by Bishop Salvatore Cordileone, food, drinks, merchandise booths, games, opportunity drawings, performances, and music. St. Mary's Church, 1160 S. Broadway, Escondido. For more information, contact 591-3795 or MRSGINAI@aol.com.

An Evening with Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick at the University of San Diego—Reflections on Justice for Immigrants and the Prospects for Immigration Reform, Monday, October 13, 7:00pm, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. Co-sponsored by Catholic Charities, University of San Diego, and Diocesan Committee, Justice for Immigrants Campaign.

Organ Spectacular in Escondido—Sunday, October 19, 3:00pm, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 845 Chestnut St. at Ninth Ave., Escondido. A benefit concert for the the American Guild of Organists Palomar Chapter Student Organ Scholarship Fund, featuring organist Dr. Alison Luedecke and Millennium Consort, Presidio Brass & Percussion. Wine and cheese reception in courtyard. General admission: \$20; students: \$10.

Vocation Retreat for Young Women in San Diego—Sunday, October 19, 9:00am-4:00pm, at Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For more information, contact Sr. Margaret Brody at 619-563-0480 or vocations_naz@yahoo.com.



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